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PART VI.

BILLS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The following Bill was introduced into the Council of the Governor General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations. on the 5th September 1878 :—

Bill No. 6 of 1878.

A Bill to amend Act No. IX. of 1878 (for the better control of Publications in Oriental languages).

Whereas by Act No. IX, of 1878 (*for the better control of Publications in Oriental languages*),

Preamble.

section five, it is enacted that when any publisher or printer is called upon by a Magistrate or Commissioner of Police to execute a bond under that Act in respect of any newspaper, the publisher of such newspaper may deliver to such Magistrate or Commissioner an undertaking in writing to the effect that no words, signs or visible representations shall, during the year next following the date of such undertaking, be printed or published in such newspaper which have not previously been submitted to such officer as the Local Government may appoint in this behalf, by name or in virtue of his office, or which on being so submitted have been objected to by such officer, and that when such undertaking has been so delivered, no such bond and no such deposit as is mentioned in section four of the said Act shall be required from the publisher or printer of such newspaper during the said year;

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And whereas by the last paragraph of section eight of the same Act it is provided that the publisher of any newspaper may, on the publication of a notice in respect thereof under section six of the said Act, and before anything has become liable to forfeiture under the said section eight in respect of such newspaper, deliver to the Magistrate of the District, or to the Commissioner of Police in a Presidency-town, within the local limits of whose jurisdiction such newspaper is published, an undertaking as aforesaid, and, if such Magistrate or Commissioner accepts such undertaking, nothing shall become liable to forfeiture as aforesaid between the date on which such undertaking is so accepted and the end of the period for which it is given;

And whereas by the same Act, section eighteen, it is enacted that when any publisher of a newspaper has given any undertaking as aforesaid, and during the period for which such undertaking is given, any words, signs or visible representations which have not been submitted to the officer appointed as aforesaid, or which on being so submitted have been objected to by him, are printed or published in such newspaper, such publisher and the printer of such newspaper shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both;

And whereas it is expedient to repeal the enactments and proviso hereinbefore recited and the reference in section three of the said Act to the said section five; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. The following portions of the said Act are repealed (that is to say):
 Repeal of Act IX. of 1878, sections 5 and 18, and parts of sections 3 and 8. sections five and eighteen, the last paragraph of section eight, and in section three, the words "and subject to the provisions of section five."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

In his despatch dated the 31st May 1878, the Secretary of State in Council conveyed the sanction of Her Majesty's Government to the Vernacular Press Act. But with reference to the provisions of the Act under which a publisher may undertake to submit a proof of his newspaper to the Local Government before publishing the same, he requested that the Governor General in Council would refrain from putting this part of

the Act into operation, taking power by fresh legislation to suspend or abandon it if this was deemed necessary. After a careful consideration of the frame of the Act, fresh legislation has been deemed necessary to carry out the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, and accordingly the present Bill has been prepared, by which the enactments relating to the provisions noticed by the Secretary of State's despatch are repealed.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

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The 2nd September 1878.

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